

San Gabriel Writers' League

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May 2026

Volunteer Opportunities

- *Scrapbooker(s) needed. Help preserve our history. We need a volunteer to take over the updating of our scrapbooks. Our long-term volunteer, Nell Newton, can no longer do it.*
- *Refreshments- We'd like additional folks to volunteer to provide refreshments for our meetings. Expenses are reimbursed. Right now, it's a 1-person show.*
- *Offices- The Board positions of President and Treasurer will be up for election in October. The current officers are NOT eligible for re-election. Take this opportunity to volunteer and learn about the duties and responsibilities before taking office.*
- *Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our Zoom meetings. We need a few people to spread out the administration of Zoom at our regular meetings. Some knowledge of Zoom is helpful but not necessary. We can work out the training. Duties would be to start the meeting, mute and unmute speakers, monitor sound level, etc. Help is really needed to spread out the workload and make our meetings smoother, more meaningful, and more enjoyable!*

To join, volunteer, or get more information on any of these opportunities, please email sgwlcontacts@gmail.com

Upcoming Events -

- *Members and Authors C.C. Hawk and Shekethia Cash will be featured at a **Book signing and Reading Event**. Readings will take place every 30 minutes. Refreshments will be served.*

*C.C. Hawk began writing as a little girl but set her passion aside until retiring in 2021 and joining the San Gabriel Writers League in Georgetown. She was encouraged and supported in her writing journey by her critique group. These interactions gave her the confidence to publish **Slices of Life**, a book of 17 short stories in essay, fiction and memoir genres in August 2024. The pieces are in five theme areas: Coming of Age, Family and Friends, Love and Marriage, Career and Workplace and Travel and Adventure.*

*Shekethia has always enjoyed reading, particularly the Bible. She soon discovered that she enjoyed explaining and teaching, elaborating, using illustrations, being creative, and many times "thinking outside the box." In October 2021, Shekethia began writing Bible quizzes. Then in 2024, the Lord led her to write her first book. In January 2025, she put "pen to paper" and started writing. In just nine months, that journey of faith, discipline, and creativity gave birth to a tangible product—**Bible Quizzes 101** which includes over 250 Bible quizzes (with the answer) and the supporting Bible verses.*

May 30th, 1:00 – 3:00 **Location:**

LaDawn's Beauty Supply

[3010 Williams Dr](#)

[Suite 183](#)

[Georgetown, TX 78628](#)

lbsinfo@ladawnsbeauty.com

(512)971-5442

- ***Georgetown Library, June 7th 1:00 – 3:00***

*Part 2 of the series entitled **From Blank Page to Finished Book**, two of our authors will discuss their writing journeys to educate and motivate attendees.*

“The Power of Story”

- *Janice Airhart, writer of memoir and narrative nonfiction, will present perspectives on the shape and significance of story in both fiction and nonfiction. Story is not simply a vehicle for sharing information, but a uniquely powerful tool for engaging imagination and communicating ideas and emotions.*
- *Sharing a well-crafted story with readers is the ultimate goal for any writer. Airhart has pursued traditional, nontraditional, and independent publication and will describe the advantages and disadvantages of each. Her presentation will also include advice on maximizing content for different markets/publishers and*

provide tips on choosing editors, graphic designers, and formatters on the way to self-publication.

“From Inspiration to Publication”

- *Gloria Reyes, will share insights on the evolving landscape of digital media and its impact on young readers. Drawing on her experience as an educator and the author of two children's books, including her latest release, *Río, Paws of Hope*, she will discuss practical tips for fostering a lifelong passion for reading and the unique advantages of print books in the digital age.*
- *During her session, Gloria will also share her journey from inspiration and book concept to self-publication, with an emphasis on literacy fundamentals and strategies for filling literacy gaps. Additionally, she will explore how engaging with book characters and events provides young readers with the undeniable benefits of print media.*
- *Gloria looks forward to sharing her stories, learnings, and experiences with family, friends and other aspiring women authors. Her newest book, *The Neighborhood Critters Show Gratitude* will be out just in time for Christmas.*

Subsequent sessions are on September 6 and December 6.

Sessions are open and free to the public. No advance registration is required.

New Member

Please welcome:

Kelly Linder

Services

- *Need a photographer? Member recommendation is Ryan Dunbar at ATXHeadshots in Cedar Park.*

- *Book Briefs:* Our authors have been busy. If you have recently published a book, please let us know. We'll try to get recognition in our local paper. To do so, we need a short bio and blurb in a .doc document, and both a headshot and cover photo as a .jpg
- *New Book by Dorothy Featherling*

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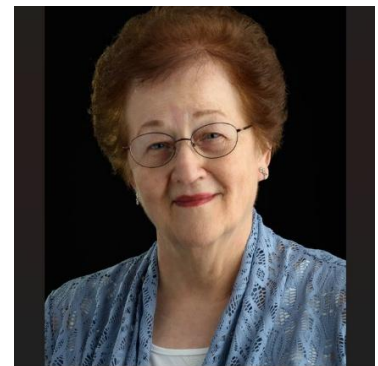
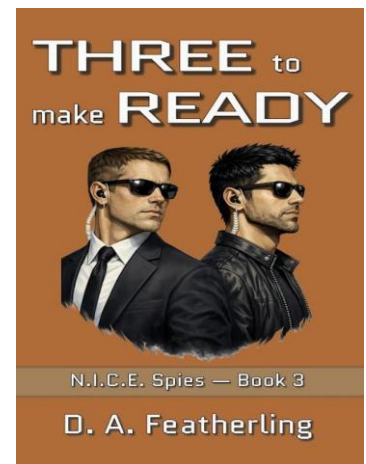


THREE TO MAKE READY – N.I.C.E Spies – Book 3

Book 3 in the N.I.C.E. spies series continues the clean read, humorous adventures of a fascinating cast of characters...both the bad and the good. Will they be able to stop counterfeit money from flooding the USA, along with phony merchandise?

The team continues their investigations, this time into international crime waters. Suspects are limited, but it's hard to tell who to pursue, especially when you add the man from Hong Kong into the mix.

Join Dan and Khaleed as they enlist the help of team members, current and new. Especially the guy who's likely a former British agent. Or is he?



New Book by Hank Haliasz

What Comes Next?:

When The Stars Go Out And All Is Cold And Dark Only One Question Remains

Three years ago, Doctor Erwin Little, CEO of the Center for Life Sciences, euthanized a volunteer human subject, and then returned him to life days later. The purpose was to learn what truly came after death. When he didn't get all of the information he was seeking, he decided to try again, but this time with himself as the subject. What he didn't know was that his first experiment resulted in unseen consequences now showing up, consequences that could change humanity and the world. A first experiment with a chimpanzee named Lulu should have alerted him to the potential consequences that death and then rebirth might have, but they were too unbelievable to even consider. And now, three years later, his first and only human subject was displaying knowledge and capabilities no other living person possessed. And if a person could be returned from the other side, could a whole new super race be created that might rule the world? And what did all of this portend for the universe and the life it created over billions of years? Nature, with all of its stars and galaxies, was about to be exposed, along with the secrets of the creation of life itself, and the few people who were about to learn these secrets had no idea how the population of planet Earth would react when these secrets became public knowledge. How would you react?



Next meeting is:

Our next regular meeting is **June 4**

Special Note: At 6:45 we will have the ...

2026 Writing Contest Awards Ceremony

Social Time begins at 6:30.

“Hybrid” Meeting*

Thursday, June 4, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

Mike Baldwin, MLS, MPA
will present

This is a one-hour seminar on how to stimulate your creativity through techniques derived from neuroscience. It is an oral presentation by Mr. Baldwin, supplemented by PowerPoint images that help explain relevant neuroscience information and illustrate the creativity concepts derived from that information.

The seminar is aimed primarily at writers, but its ideas can be readily applied to any creative activity. All the proposed ideas are simple and natural. No dangerous, expensive, or unethical activities are presented. Participants may ask questions, but will not be subjected to questions or activities of any kind. This seminar is intended to be an interesting, educational, and pleasant experience. It is ideal for adults and teens in your community who want to become more creative and effective writers and thinkers. His seminars have helped many writers to become more creative.

Michael Baldwin is a poet and novelist who has published over 20 books. He holds advanced degrees in Political Science and Library Science. He retired from a career as a library administrator. He also taught American Government at Lone Star College. His poetry has won numerous awards and has been widely published in journals and anthologies. His novel, *Roll Back the Sun*, was awarded “Best literary fiction book of 2026” by the Texas Authors Institute.

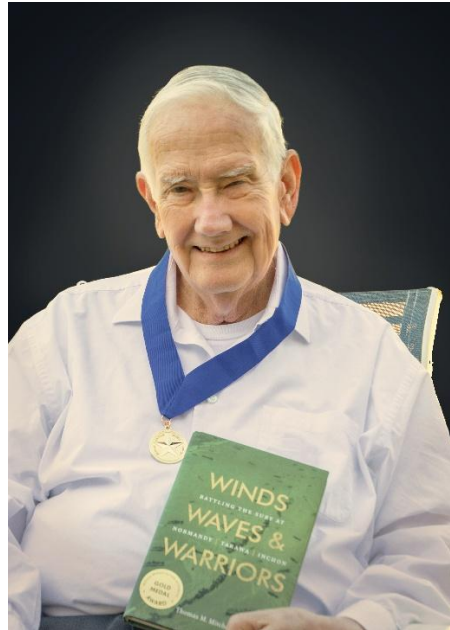
The in-person hybrid meeting is held at the **Community Room in the Parks Administration Building located at 1101 North College Street in Georgetown, Texas.**

If transportation is needed, please contact sgwlcontacts@gmail.com

If you do not receive an email ZOOM invitation by May 31, please send an email to sgwlcontacts@gmail.com

(Bring a copy of your books, articles, blogs, etc for display to let members know what you write!)

*In Memory of:
Thomas Mark Mitchell*



Many members expressed their remembrances and sorrow of the death of our long-time friend and member, Tom Mitchell. None said it better than Linda Thornton.

"I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I met Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Mark Mitchell through the San Gabriel Writers League and had the honor of writing a story about him that was featured in the January 6, 2021, issue of the Williamson County Sun. I thought our members might like to know more about this unassuming gentleman. Here are some of the article's highlights:

*"Mitchell's new book, " **Winds, Waves, and Warriors: Battling the Surf at Normandy, Tarawa, and Ichon,**" has been awarded the gold medal- the highest honor from the Military Writers Society of America.*

According to the Military Writers Society website, his book "serves as an important reference book for future scientists, meteorologists, and history buffs, and also happens to read like a Michael Crichton thriller."

Before World War II, sea conditions were based on what someone saw and reported. Organized by military events, Mitchell chronicles strategic and tactical operations and explains, in layman's terms, how the wartime skill of forecasting ocean currents, winds, and waves proved successful and saved lives in these battles.

Mitchell's career as an oceanographer and author can be traced back to his boyhood memories of family vacations near the ocean. When asked on the application for Texas A&M's Ph.D. program why he wanted to study oceanography, he said he enjoyed the ocean so much, he thought it was about time he studied it. The university agreed and accepted him into the program. That changed the tide of his life."